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**AMENDMENT AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

In response to the May 7, 2004 Notice of Allowance, Applicants request continued examination in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 20 of this paper.